

Recreational Opportunities

Wildlife Viewing – Fishing – Hiking – Outdoor Photography

Conservation Areas are open from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted. Parking or storing watercraft or commercial vehicles on department areas during closed hours is prohibited.

- Any activity with groups of 10 or more needs a special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption. Digging of roots is prohibited.
- No horseback riding or bicycling opportunities except on public roadways.
- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.
- Camping is allowed on or adjacent to all area parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. No amenities are provided. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed **EXCEPT** during firearms deer and turkey seasons. No amenities are provided.
- Field trials prohibited.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes.
- No target shooting allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply:

- On lakes and ponds fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time.

- On area ponds all largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be released immediately. Daily limits on ponds are six black bass, four channel catfish, and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- Only electric motors are permitted.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply:

- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and must be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
3500 S. Baltimore
Kirksville, MO 63501
(660) 785-2420

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

Mineral Hills

CONSERVATION AREA



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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/5csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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